

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. The "Veteran Observer," whose candid observations on the men and things form an attractive feature of the New York Times, has written an elaborate article on the public lands and the future of the great West, from which we take the following extracts: "Very few persons have a correct idea of the real magnitude and value of the public domain, or of the necessity of grants of lands to railroads. From ignorance, as well as from avarice, there has recently been great opposition to railroad land grants, which if not made will leave the Union Pacific Railroad a monopoly of the route over the continent. The Union Pacific does not go through the best lands of the Government, nor on the most favorable route. I think I can give a brief digest of the facts regarding the public lands, which is of much interest. I shall not include Alaska, for I presume it will be long before any one will want to buy land there. What Territory, however, includes nearly four hundred millions of acres. Nor shall I include the lands east of the Mississippi, where the Government still holds fifty million acres. But from the Mississippi to the Pacific, where railroads must be made, the Government holds lands as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: State/Territory, Acres. Includes Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas with acreage figures.

Aggregate west of the Mississippi, 993,742,562. There are in round numbers one thousand millions of acres of public domain between the Mississippi and the Pacific. The Government grants to the Northern and Pacific Railroads (and to the former its grant is made equitably, and it would be a waste of good faith to refuse it, for the Government, at twenty sections, 12,800 acres per mile, the whole amount would be 38,400,000 a fraction over a third part of the total, and the Government would be immensely the gainer, and it is the only mode by which these lands can ever be settled. "A very large portion of these lands, especially those in the route of the Northern Pacific, are in arable, and in Minnesota and Dakota there are nearly two hundred millions of acres of public lands, good crops of the direct line from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains in Montana. Here is generally a high plain, fertile in soil, admirably watered, and producing the best of grapes and small fruits. In Montana also there are many fertile lands. Now, it will be observed that the whole vast domain I have described is unsold and unappropriated.

"It happens unfortunately that our Government printing is always so far behind that it is impossible to get the official reports till two years after they are made; but I will take 1869 and 1867, for example. The Commissioner of the Land Office makes the following report of lands disposed of:—

Table with 2 columns: Year, Acres, Dollars. Shows land disposal statistics for 1867 and 1869.

"I presume the lands taken for roads were only those for which details were made at the time; not grants made by law, to take up the future. The above table presents some curious facts. First, we see the actual settlement of the land is rapidly increasing, for the amount disposed of in 1867 was fifty per cent. greater than in 1869. We observe that the largest quantity is taken under the Homestead act. Is there not a good deal of speculation under this act, and is it not the largest quantity is under the Agricultural College scrip. The public lands have been the great outlet for the overflowing population of the country and the ambitious politician. They have opened an national sewerage. What will happen when the sewerage is gone? But, in the meantime, the public lands have been the instrument to the vast, flowing, impulsive, aggregating people, from every clime and nation, who have gone and are going west of the Mississippi. I present the scene of the present results of the census of 1870, compared with that of 1860:—

Table with 2 columns: State/Territory, 1860, 1870. Shows population growth statistics.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

THE CITY AMUSEMENTS. At the Academy of Music the Richings English Opera Troupe will commence a brief season of six nights and one matinee this evening with the comic opera of The Postilion of Lyons. This work was very popular some years ago, but it has seldom been represented of late, and to most persons it will be an entire novelty. It contains some very pleasant music, and its performance this evening ought to attract a large audience. To-morrow Mr. S. Behrens, the able and popular leader of the orchestra, will have his annual benefit, when Meyerbeer's great opera of The Huguenots will be given for the first time in this city in English. The cast will include the full strength of the company, and the orchestra and chorus will be largely increased. Mr. Behrens has many friends in Philadelphia, and such an attraction as he offers should insure him a full house. On Wednesday Mr. A. S. Penoyer, the business manager, will present The Bohemian Girl for his benefit. This occasion will be made interesting by the first appearance in this city of Miss Emma Howson, who will personate "Arlene." On Thursday evening Mr. Henry Drayton will have a benefit, and on Friday Wallace's opera of Lurline will be performed for the benefit of Mrs. Bernard. This lady is entitled to the credit of having established English opera in this country on a permanent basis, and at the close of the season she should receive from the opera-goers of this city a hearty recognition of her services. The box-sheet is now open at Bomer's, No. 1102 Chestnut street, and at the Academy.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Jefferson attracted crowded and fashionable audiences all last week by his personation of "Rip Van Winkle," and as the play-going public not yet had enough of "Rip," Mr. Jefferson will endeavor to accommodate by appearing in the part every evening during the present week. AT THE ARCH BRYANT'S Minstrels will commence an engagement of two weeks this evening. This troupe is one of the best, if not the best, in the country, and those who attend their performances last season will certainly have a desire to see them again. AT THE CHESTNUT A variety performance will be given this evening. This is the last week of the present season. An interesting collection of anatomical curiosities are on exhibition at No. 1205 Chestnut street. The New York Dramatic Fund will have a benefit some time during the present month at the Academy of Music in this city, when Eugene will be performed with the greatest cast on record. The distribution of the parts is as follows:—"Hamlet," Edwin Booth; "Laertes," Charles

Fechter; "Ghost," J. W. Wallace; "Horatio," E. L. Davenport; "Polonius," John Brougham; "First Grave Digger," Joseph Jefferson; "King," L. R. Shewell; "Orrie," J. Lester Wallace; "Second Actor," Barney Williams; "Ophelia," Mrs. Charlotte Leclerc; "Queen," Mrs. J. W. Wallace. It will be worth going to New York to see such a combination as this. THE SANGERFEST.—To-day Whit Monday is being celebrated in the usual manner by our German citizens. The principal point of attraction is at Engel & Wolff's farm, where a local Sangerfest is being held, and in which the Memminger, Junger Memminger, and Sengerbund, and Harmonie Singing Societies are participating. Two bands of music have been engaged and will perform generally will be indulged in. Above societies formed this morning at their headquarters, and after parading through our principal thoroughfares, proceeded to the farm.

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DIED. ELLIOT.—On June 5, RALPH W., son of Henrietta G. and the late John Elliot, in the 36th year of his age. The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, the 6th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M., from the residence of his mother, No. 6 West Fifth Square. JONES.—At his residence, in the borough of Conshohocken, on the 4th instant, ELWOOD JONES, in the 41st year of his age. Funeral on Fourth-day, the 8th instant. Meet at Plymouth Meeting House at 11 o'clock. Carriages will be in waiting for the 10 o'clock A. M. train at Conshohocken. SCOTT.—On the 4th instant, JOSEPH W. SCOTT, youngest son of the late John and Elizabeth Scott, in the 24th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, also Welcome Lodge, No. 229, I. O. O. F.; Philanthropic Society, No. 10, S. and D. A. A.; Felt Hat Finishers' Association; and Rose Bud Assembly, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1497 N. Fourth street, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. To proceed to Monument Cemetery.

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FIFTH EDITION THE LATEST NEWS. The New Funding Bill. Western Hospitality. Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc. FROM WASHINGTON. The New Funding Bill. Dispatch to the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, June 6.—The following is the Funding Bill which was reported in the House to-day from the Committee on Ways and Means:—

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand millions of dollars, coupon or registered bonds of the United States, in such form as he may prescribe, and of denominations of five hundred dollars or some multiple of that sum, redeemable in coin of the present standard value at the pleasure of the United States after 30 years from the date of this issue, and bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; which said bonds and interest thereon shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal, or local authority, and the said bonds shall have set forth and expressed upon their face the several specified conditions, and shall, with their coupons, be made payable at the Treasury of the United States; but nothing in this act, or in any other law now in force, shall be construed to authorize any increase whatever of the bonded debt of the United States.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of any of the bonds issued under this act, at not less than their par value for coin, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the redemption of any of the bonds of the United States outstanding and known as 5-20 bonds, at their par value, or he may exchange the same for five 5-20 bonds or for par, but the bonds hereby authorized shall be used for no other purpose whatever.

Section 3. That the payment of any of the bonds hereby authorized, after the expiration of the said term of thirty years, shall be made in amounts to be determined from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury, at his discretion, and by classes to be distinguished by the dates and numbers, beginning for each successive payment with the bonds last dated and numbered, of the time of which intended payment or redemption the Secretary of the Treasury shall give public notice, and the interest on the particular bonds so selected at any time to be paid shall cease at the expiration of three months from the date of such notice.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and instructed, with any coin in the Treasury of the United States, which in his opinion and discretion can be conveniently applied to that purpose, to pay at and cancel any six per cent. bonds of the United States of the kind known as five-twenty bonds, which have become, or shall hereafter become redeemable by the terms of their issue. But the particular bonds so to be paid and cancelled shall, in all cases, be indicated and specified by class, date, and number in the order of their numbers and issue, beginning with the first number and issue, in public notice to be given by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in three months after the date of such public notice the interest on the bonds so selected and advertised to be paid shall cease. But it shall be competent for the holders and owners of any of said bonds, so specified for payment, to exchange the same for bonds issued under the authority of this act, at any time before the end of the notice provided for in the second section of this act.

Section 5. And be it further enacted, That the United States bonds purchased and now held in the Treasury in accordance with the provisions relating to a sinking fund of section five of an act entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of United States notes and the redemption or funding thereof, and for funding the floating debt of the United States," approved February 25, 1863, and all other United States bonds which have been purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury, and such funds in the Treasury, and now held in the Treasury of the United States, shall be cancelled and destroyed. A detailed record of such bonds so cancelled and destroyed to be first made in the books of the Treasury Department. Any bonds hereafter applied to said sinking fund and other United States bonds redeemed or paid hereafter by the United States shall also in like manner be cancelled and destroyed, and the amount of the bonds of each class that have been cancelled and destroyed shall be deposited respectively from the amount of the class of the outstanding debt of the United States. In addition to other amounts that may be applied to the redemption or payment of the public debt, an amount equal to the interest on all bonds belonging to the aforesaid sinking fund shall be applied, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall from time to time direct, to the payment of the public debt, as provided for in section five of the act aforesaid.

Section (no number). And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to receive gold coin of the United States, or bullion, on deposit for not less than thirty days, in sums of not less than